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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. As a follow up to the DCI's concern lest CIA and the Intelligence Community be caught by surprise over any sudden and major reversal in South Vietnam, either through intervention of North Vietnamese and/or ChiCom troops or by a Government upheaval in South Vietnam, the DDCI called a meeting in the DCI Conference Room at 3:00 p.m. today. Attending were virtually all of the Agency officers dealing with the Vietnam problem as well as DD/P, Chief, FE, Acting DD/I, Acting AD/CI, and the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates. General Carter read verbatim minutes from the 25 February USIB meeting during which Mr. McCone had charged all of USIB with remaining especially alert. (The USIB minutes on this subject are attached.)

2. General Carter then covered the points, numbers 1 through 6, in his memorandum of 24 February which is also attached.

3. After a discussion of various aspects of the Vietnam problem, it was agreed that analysts must not ignore intelligence indicators, no matter how wild they may seem, that current SNIE's and NIE's be updated and revised as necessary, that analysts state their requirements and tailor their requirements to collection vehicles.

4. General Carter asked all at the meeting not to hesitate in requesting DCI and/or DDCI help in taking steps to closing gaps in our knowledge that now exist.

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